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Date 10/17/88

1 TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 2 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (12A-256) (C) *Close case*
 3 NICOLO S. SAFINA;
 NARCOTICS MATTER
 4 OO: MILWAUKEE

5 On 5/22/86, NICOLO SAFINA plead guilty in the Eastern
 6 District of Wisconsin to one count of Possession With Intent to
 Distribute Cocaine. This conviction was a result of a joint
 7 DEA/FBI operation.

8 SAFINA, who has been described by Milwaukee as an LCN
 9 associate, as part of his plea agreed to an interview by the FBI
 regarding his possible knowledge of LCN activities in Milwaukee.
 10 This interview verified knowledge Milwaukee already had regarding
 SAFINA'S association with Milwaukee boss, FRANK BALISTRIERI, but
 11 did not produce anything of value regarding current LCN
 activities.

12 On 7/23/86, SAFINA was sentenced to three years in
 prison on his drug charge.

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 15 DEA continued the investigation with assistance from
 SAFINA and ultimately charged four additional people who were
 involved in the distribution of cocaine which SAFINA was
 purchasing. One of those individuals

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16 In November 1986, while SAFINA was serving his prison
 sentence, a fire believed set by an arsonist was extinguished at

17 ② - Bureau

18 - IDT RM 3615
 19 1 - Chicago (Attention: North Central Task Force Coordinator)
 20 1 - Milwaukee

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SAFINA'S former restaurant, NICOLI'S Sicilian Ristorante and Pub, Milwaukee. At the time the restaurant was under sale by order of the Federal Bankruptcy Court. Milwaukee has maintained contact with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Milwaukee, regarding their and the Milwaukee Police Department Arson Squad investigation of this fire. The Special Agent handling the case has advised Milwaukee that no suspects have been developed, nor has any information been received to link SAFINA to the fire.

Milwaukee is placing this investigation in a closed status.